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PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE.—A few days ago, the train which brought the members of Gen. Jo. Johnston's staff from Virginia to Knoxville, ran off the track, about ten miles the other side of that city, and completely demolished one car, and damaged a few others slightly. Fortunately, none of the party were hurt. Several fine horses, belonging to officers of the staff, were so severely injured that they had to be left behind. A box car ran off while the train was crossing Tennessee Bridge, but the wheels ran along the sleepers, and fortunately did not get off the bridge, though running all the time unpleasantly close to the edge. Had the single car tipped over, the whole train might have been precipitated into the stream. The train had barely crossed the bridge before the box was jerked completely off the track, and was broken to pieces.

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BY GRAPE-VINE AND OTHERWISE.

ON DITS OF THE DAY.

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Everywhere the lines are down this evening except the irrepressible "grapevine." That portion of the world who didn't appreciate its excellence before, are now afforded an opportunity to do the *entete cordiale* and do it largely upon its excellence now. You see now that the lines are down, what a useful thing it is to have a grapevine. Every well-regulated family ought to have a grapevine. I have a grapevine. And a grapevine is a good thing Empires may fall and monarchies be overthrown—but battles be fought and the earth swept with tornadoes—eloquence be, mollified and marriage licenses be sold wholesale at an alarming sacrifice, and boundings innumerable and unknown, be left at the door sills of lonely bachelors—sink or swim—live or die—survive or perish—no matter what happens—whenever it does happen, the grapevine will be certain to get hold of it. It is useless for any of you to attempt to keep a secret. You can't keep it and live quietly in the same town with the "subscribers" battery.

By the way speaking of secrets!

There is a report current on the streets this evening that secret Provosts have been appointed to repair immediately to Knoxville and to this place to report the names of all shirking officers of the army. In the first

place, I don't know what a shirking officer is, nor what constitutes the "shirking department." I only give what I hear. I never "commentate." I'm no common tater."

I hear a rumor that more cavalry men have been arrested up about Murfreesboro for "pressing" horses without authority. I wish it distinctly understood that these "members of the press," are in no way allied to our profession. Nevertheless, since they go about pressing everything they want except the ladies, I have no objection to their being designated the Associated Press. Speaking of presses—I went to buy a power Press to present to the Rebel office. The one they have now can't begin to supply the demand for the grape-vine articles which appear in the papers. I don't exactly mean articles either—I should have written it particular.

A dispatch has this moment reached me that I can see a powerful Press on Lookout mountain. No doubt—the *press pic!* Ha! ha!—you don't sell this grapevine! with such a stale joke as that?

An *ad* about Murfreesboro, that ten thousand Yankees are at Gallatin, and an advance guard of six thousand even as far as Beard's Mills, between Murfreesboro and Lebanon. Somebody ought to go down there and *read* a *script* in his den.

Major Paul Mynder, with late dispatches from the Tycoon of Japan arrived here last night. He has just received the appointment of Brigadier, and "took the field" last night, but I am not apprised who he has put on his list.

A rumor was gospel in my ear last night that Gen. Bragg had been assigned to duty in the department of the Mississippi at Vicksburg, but I do not credit it.

The "News" also has an editorial upon Thackeray, in which it informs us that that distinguished novelist and essayist is wholly sympathetic with the Confederate States in their struggle for independence, and that this has been evidenced in several of his "Romantic Pictures," published monthly, as a sort of Editor's Table. One of these, on the Trent affair, was in his best vein.

THE ENEMY IN EAST TENNESSEE.—The Charlotte (N.C.) Bulletin says a Courier arrived in that place the other day, in a post of powder, who stated that a Union army of several hundred men from East Tennessee was regularly fortified at the line between Haywood county, North Carolina, and this State. The militia of Haywood to the number of 250, with 60 Cherokee Indians, were holding them in check—Hanners had been sent to Gen. Kirby Smith, informing him of the condition of affairs, and asking for assistance. The Bulletin says the locality of this force is about 15 miles west of Charlotte, and bordering upon the most diagonal position of East Tennessee, and that it is probably composed of disaffected men who have fled from their homes to avoid the Conscription law. About 25 of them went the other day to Waynesville, in Haywood county, N.C., and demanded the release of a murderer named Franklin, committed at the last term of the Superior Court, of that district. The jailor having no force to resist this demand, was seized and held, while the prisoner was released and carried off in triumph. The party represented themselves as from East Tennessee, and said they had a reserve of three hundred armed men to back up their demand, and threatened, if resisted, to burn Waynesville to ashes.

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